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25X1 1. [] Mr. Herbert Blitz, in the office of Senator Jacob K. Javits, called and asked if the Agency had figures on Soviet research and development. [] has separate figures on U. S. research and development and U. S. basic research and desires comparable Soviet figures. [] ORR, is working on this. 25X1

25X1 2. [] Met with Miss Murray, in the office of Senator Philip A. Hart (D., Mich), to discuss the letter from Tom Verani, of Southfield, Michigan, which Senator Hart had forwarded to us for comment. In his letter, Verani asked the Senator if he would help settle a neighborhood dispute as to whether or not Francis Gary Powers was under orders to commit suicide to avoid capture. (This letter was written by the same individual who had written a similar letter to Representative Judd. See Journal of 4 October.) I advised Miss Murray that as she could probably understand, we would not be able to provide assistance on this but suggested, as we had suggested to Judd's office, that they merely reply to Verani indicating they had consulted appropriate Government agencies and were unable to obtain any information on this. Miss Murray said she understood and would be glad to handle the matter as we suggested.

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